

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1, 7, 13 and 19, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, amend Claims 3, 9, 15 and 21, and add Claims 25-28. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended): The communication device as set forth in Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, wherein said communicative means makes a radio-transmission.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A The communication device as set forth in Claim 1 connected to an image pickup device for photographing a subject, comprising:

intake means for taking in images from the image pickup device;

communicative means for transmitting the pickup images taken in by said intake means to a transmission destination in communication therewith; and

control means for starting an operation of said communicative means in response to the image pickup operation of the image pickup device,

wherein said control means controls said communicative means so as to make a break ~~[[of]]~~ in communication with the transmission destination after the lapse of a given time from the time when the transmission of ~~said the~~ pickup image is completed.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The communication device as set forth in Claim [[1]] 3, further ~~comprises~~ comprising store means for storing the pickup image obtained from ~~said the~~ the image pickup means,

wherein said communicative means includes ~~detective~~ detecting means for detecting the state of communication with said transmission destination, and

said control means stores ~~said the~~ the pickup image once into said store means on the basis of ~~the detected~~ a detection result ~~[[in]]~~ obtained by said detective means.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The communication device as set forth in Claim 4, wherein, in a case of being incommunicable, as determined based on the ~~detected~~ detection result ~~[[in]]~~ obtained by said detective means, ~~said the~~ the pickup images are stored once into said store means and the pickup images stored in said store means are transmitted by said communicative means in a case of becoming communicable.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The communication device as set forth in Claim 4, wherein said control means makes a control so as to perform an operation of said ~~detective~~ detecting means and ~~said the~~ the operation based on the ~~detected~~ detection result ~~[[in]]~~ obtained by said ~~detective~~ detecting means in parallel with ~~the~~ ordinary operation.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): The image pickup device as set forth in Claim [[7]] 9, wherein ~~said~~ the communicative function makes a radio transmission.

Claim 9 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The image pickup device ~~as set forth in Claim 7~~ having a communicative function to transmit pickup images obtained by picking up images of a subject, comprising:

manipulative means for instructing a predetermined operation; and

control means for starting the image pickup operation and an operation of the communicative function on the basis of the instruction of a predetermined operation by said manipulating means,

wherein said control means controls execution of the communicative function so as to make a break ~~[[of]]~~ in communication with the transmission destination after the lapse of a given time from the time when the transmission of ~~said~~ the pickup image is completed.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The image pickup device as set forth in Claim [[7]] 9, further ~~comprises~~ comprising store means for storing the pickup image obtained from ~~said~~ image pickup means, wherein

said communicative means includes ~~detective~~ detecting means for detecting the state of communication with ~~said~~ the transmission destination and said control means stores ~~said~~ the pickup image once into said store means on the basis of ~~the-detected~~ a detection result ~~[[in]]~~ obtained by said ~~detective~~ detecting means.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The image pickup device as set forth in Claim 10, wherein in a case of being incommunicable, as determined based on the ~~detected~~ detection result ~~[[in]]~~ obtained by said ~~detective~~ detection means, ~~said the~~ pickup images are stored once into said store means and the pickup images stored in said store means are transmitted by ~~said~~ performance of the communicative means in a case of becoming communicable.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The image pickup device as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said control means ~~makes a effects~~ control ~~[[so]]~~ such as to ~~perform~~ cause an operation of said ~~detective~~ detecting means and ~~said the~~ operation based on the detected detection result ~~[[in]]~~ obtained by said ~~detective~~ detection means in parallel with ~~the~~ ordinary operation.

Claim 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (currently amended): The storage medium as set forth in Claim ~~[[13]]~~ 15, wherein said processing step further includes a step of making a radio transmission with ~~said the~~ transmission destination.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A The storage medium as set forth in Claim 13 in which a processing step for transmitting a pickup image obtained by photographing a subject to a specified transmission destination is stored so as to be readable by a computer, wherein said processing step includes a step of starting an image pickup operation of picking up the image of

the subject and a communicating operation of communicating with the transmission destination
on the basis of instructions of a predetermined operation given from a user to transmit the pickup
images obtained by the image pickup operation to the transmission destination,

wherein said processing step further ~~includes~~ including a step of making a
break ~~[[of]]~~ in communication with the transmission destination after the lapse of a given time
from the time when the transmission of ~~said~~ the pickup image is completed.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The storage medium as set forth in Claim
~~[[13]]~~ 15, wherein said processing step further includes:

a ~~detective~~ detecting step of detecting the state of communication with ~~said~~ the
transmission destination; and

a store step of storing ~~said~~ the pickup image~~[[s]]~~ once into a memory on the
basis of ~~the detected~~ a detection result obtained in said ~~detective~~ detecting step.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The storage medium as set forth in Claim 16,
wherein said processing step further includes:

a step of storing ~~said~~ the pickup image~~[[s]]~~ once into ~~said~~ the memory if ~~said~~
the communication state is unsuitable for the transmission of ~~said~~ the pickup image~~[[s]]~~; and

a step of transmitting the pickup image~~[[s]]~~ stored in ~~said~~ the memory to ~~said~~
the transmission destination when ~~said~~ the communication state is restored to a state suitable for
the transmission of ~~said~~ the pickup image~~[[s]]~~.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The storage medium as set forth in Claim 16, wherein said processing step further includes a step of executing said ~~detective~~ detecting step and said store step in parallel with a processing step for ~~the~~ ordinary-time processing.

Claim 19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (currently amended): The communication method as set forth in Claim ~~[[19]]~~ 21, wherein said communicative step ~~makes~~ includes making a radio transmission.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A The communication method as set forth in Claim 19 for communicating a photographic image from an image pickup device for picking up images of a subject to a transmission destination, comprising:

an intake step for taking in the photographic image;

a communicative step for transmitting the photographic image taken in said intake step to a transmission destination in communication therewith; and

a control step for starting execution of said communicative step in response to the image pickup operation of the image pickup device,

wherein said control step ~~controls~~ includes controlling execution of said communicative step so as to make a break ~~[[of]]~~ in communication with the transmission destination after the lapse of a given time from the time when the transmission of ~~said pickup the~~ photographic image is completed.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The communication method as set forth in Claim [[19]] 21, further comprising a store step for storing into memory, the ~~pickup~~ photographic image obtained ~~from~~ in said image pickup step, wherein

said communicative step includes ~~detective~~ a detecting step for detecting ~~the~~ a state of communication with ~~said~~ the transmission destination and said control step ~~stores said~~ pickup includes causing execution of said store step for storing the photographic image once into ~~said store step~~ the memory on the basis of the detected result obtained in said ~~detective~~ detecting step.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The communication device as set forth in Claim 22,

wherein, in a case of being incommunicable, as determined based on the ~~detected~~ detection result obtained in said ~~detective~~ detecting step, ~~said pickup~~ the photographic image[[s are]] is stored once into said store step the memory and the ~~pickup~~ photographic image[[s]] stored in said store step ~~are~~ is transmitted by execution of said communicative step in a case of becoming communicable.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The communication device as set forth in Claim 22, wherein said control step ~~makes~~ includes effecting a control [[so]] such as to perform an operation of said ~~detective~~ detecting step and ~~said~~ the operation based on the ~~detected~~ detection result in said ~~detective~~ detecting step in parallel with ~~the~~ ordinary operation.

Claim 25 (new): A communication device according to Claim 3, wherein the transmission destination has been previously selected by a user from among plural transmission destinations displayed on a display screen.

Claim 26 (new): An image pickup device according to Claim 9, wherein the transmission destination has been previously selected by a user from among plural transmission destinations displayed on a display screen.

Claim 27 (new): A storage medium according to Claim 15, wherein said transmission destination has been previously selected by the user from among plural transmission destinations displayed on a display screen.

Claim 28 (new): A communication method according to Claim 21, wherein the transmission destination has been previously selected by a user from among plural transmission destinations displayed on a display screen.